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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO US STATEMENTS ON ME POLICY

1. CAIRO LEADING DAILIES GAVE HEADLINE COVERAGE TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CARTER'S JUNE 27 STATEMENT ON ME POLICY: "US OFFICIAL STATEMENT URGES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL" (AHRAM):EXNHBAR; AND "AMERICA WARNS ISRAEL AGAINST ANNEXING ARAB TERRITORIES SAYING UN RESOLUTIONS MEAN WITHDRAWAL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN HOMELAND (GUMHURIYYA).

2. ALL PAPERS CARRIED REPORT FROM MENA CORRESPONDENT DATELINED WASHINGTON. DESPATCH STRESSED CALL FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL INCLUDING WEST BANK, REITERATION OF US SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, AND NEED TO DEAL WITH PALESTINIANS ISSUE, BUT NEED FOR ARAB STATES TO AGREE TO IMPLEMENT KIND OF PEACE

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WHICH PRODUCES CONFIDENCE IN ITS DURABILITY RECEIVES EQUAL TREATMENT. MENA DESPATCH SAID "SOURCES" MAINTAIN THAT STATEMENT IS "REACTION TO PRONOUNCEMENT MADE BY BEGIN AND DAYAN ABOUT THEIR REFUSAL TO INCLUDE WEST BANK IN ANY PEACE TALKS." "INFORMED SOURCES" ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING US HOPING FOR "POSITIVE MOVE BY PLO BEFORE SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE VISITS MIDDLE EAST AT END OF NEXT MONTH SO THAT VANCE MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INITIATE

A DIALOGUE AIMED AT INCLUDING PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN PEACE TALKS.

3. MENA ALSO SAYS SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED WEEKEND REPORTS OF PROPOSED NEW MILITARY SALE TO ISRAEL, BUT NOT ACCURACY OF LISTED ITEMS AND THAT SUPPLY OF ARMS TO ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED WITHIN CONTEXT OF AMERICA'S OVERALL POLICY TOWARD ISRAELI SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE ME REGION. OTHERWISE, NEW YORK TIMES REPORT OF ALLEGED \$115 MILLION NEW US ARMS SALE TO ISRAEL RECEIVED ONLY SCANT COVERAGE IN CAIRO PRESS JUNE 28.

4. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN PLEASURE WITH STATEMENT IS OBVIOUS AND MEDIA HAS NATURALLY SEIZED ON THOSE ASPECTS OF US STATEMENT THAT MOST CLOSELY ADHERE TO GOE POSITIONS. ABSENCE OF EDITORIAL COMMENT PROBABLY DUE TO PRESENCE OF ALL TOP FOREIGN POLICY OFFICIALS IN ALEXANDRIA. WE FULLY EXPECT FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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